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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Jean-Baptiste ARILLA, et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: Unknown

SERIAL NO: New Utility Application : EXAMINER: Unassigned

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, as follows, without prejudice:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Page 2, lines 18-20:

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- and figure 4 shows a section through a group of manifolds near their end, and a means of support on the ring,

Page 2, after line 20, please add a fifth bulleted item:

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- and Figure 5 shows an alternative embodiment of a distributor.

Page 3, lines 8 through page 4, lines 1-8:

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As can also be seen on figure 2, each of the manifolds 3 is composed of a left half-shell 7 and a right half-shell 8, each of them being assembled to one of the half-shells. More